

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 have been examined and rejected. The present response cancels claims 1-16 and adds new claims 17-37. Claims 17-37 are therefore now pending. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested.


The abstract has been objected to for including reference to "the invention." The abstract has been amended in response, overcoming the objection. The specification has been amended to include the related application serial number requested by the Examiner.

Claims 1-16 have been cancelled, thereby mooted the various bases for the rejections of these claims. Newly submitted claims 17-37 are earnestly believed to be allowable and fully supported by the application as originally filed.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned at (408) 446-8694.

Respectfully submitted,



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